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INVESTIGATING AGENCY MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT.

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On July 17, 2020 at approximately 1623, I was dispatched to the area of Tates Creek Road and Valley View Ferry, in reference to a non-injury collision.

The driver of Unit 1, (white Chevy) Stefan Patterson, stated as he pulled up to the ferry the deck hand told him to pull forward as he pulled forward the Unit 2 was moving toward the Jessamine County side. Patterson stated Unit 1 then started to fall into the water, then Unit 2 backed into the windshield of the Unit 1 so everyone could get out. Patterson then stated after everyone got out Unit 2 pulled away and Unit 1 sunk into the river.

The passengers of Unit 1, Jason Johnson and Charles Reynolds both stated that they started to get on to Unit 2 and as they moved onto it, they started to fall into the river. Then Unit 2 held them up until they got out then the truck sank.

The driver of Unit 2 (Ferry) Clayton Embly, stated he was looking at the first vehicle on the ferry to make sure they pulled all the way up. Embly then stated he heard shouting from Unit 1 and that it was half on the ferry and half on the Madison county side. Embly stated that he believed the weight of Unit 1 was pushing the ferry out or that the rope wasn't secure. Embly stated once Unit 1 was in the water he used the ferry to keep it afloat until everyone got to safety then had to pull away or lose the boat. Embly stated the deckhand had the secure rope in his hand when he looked.

The passengers of Unit 2, Philip Vogel and Keith Todd work on the ferry. Vogel stated he was behind the wheelhouse of the Ferry, so he didn't see anything. Todd stated as he was going to untie the rope and heard tires spinning. Todd stated the air compressor that was behind Unit 1 started taking on water then shortly after the Unit 1 started to sink. Vogel and Todd stated they helped everyone out of Unit 1 to safety.

Michael Collins and Vernon Monholland where in the first vehicle to board the ferry. Collins stated he did see everything but as he looked in his review mirror, he noticed that Unit 1 was sliding into the water. Monholland stated he didn't see much either but once Unit 1 started to slide into the water he opened his door to try and help.

Unit 2 information

HIN KYZ05828E818 Boat Type YYY Year 1996
 Make Home Made
 Length 24 Beam 8 Hull Material ST
 Propulsion IB
 Owner Valley View Ferry Authority

HIN KYZ05831E818 Boat Type UTL Year 2014
 Make Custom
 Length 26 Beam 12 Hull Material ST
 Propulsion IB
 Owner Valley View Ferry Authority

Unit 2 Insurance Information

Kentucky League of Cities (859) 977-3700

Policy # L5880-2020-19272

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Damage to Unit 1 was severe due to being submerged in the river and the windshield was cracked by Unit 2. Unit 2 didn't appear to be damaged.

Unit 1 was towed by David's Towing to their lot.

No persons reported any injuries.

No Further.